THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Government has already introduced in the Lok Sabha on 26th Novemeber, 2001, the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Bill, 2001 to make education for children in the age group 6—14 years a Fundamental Right. This Bill has also been passed by the Lok Sabha on 28th November, 2001 and is awaiting consideration by Rajya Sabha.

There is no proposal at present to make any amendment in the above Bill to include all children upto the age of 18 years.

Computer Compatible Sanskrit

3993. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate new steps to make Sanskrit computer compatible; and

(b) if so, the details of steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Government have already taken several steps to promote the use of computers in the development of Sanskrit Education and to make it computer compatible.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, (a) Deemed University), New Delhi has prescribed computer application courses for Shastri (B.A.) Classes, as a vocational subject. Fifty Five students were admitted to this course during the academic year 2001-2002. It propose to make computer applications a compulsory subject for all the students of the Shastri course from the academic year 2002-2003.

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous body of this Ministry, has also devised graduation and secondary-school level programmes on the computer for all its eight Sanskrit Vidyapeeth as located in different parts of the country.

The SANSKNET Project of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (a Deemed University), Tirupati will make available on the Internet basic material for the study of Sanskrit.

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Banaglore, a registered scientific society of the Ministry of Information Technology, has been engaged in various activities related to the development of software for use in Sanskrit and Vedic studies. These include a computational rendering of Panini's Grammar, the development of Sanskrit Authoring Systems, the first Sanskrit Parser called Desika, etc.

Schemes for betterment of Women

†3994. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various schemes for betterment of women, being run by Government, have been confined only to the Ministry and on papers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the number of women benefitted so far throughout the country from those schemes, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RECOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Number of women benefitted under the women specific schemes during the last three years is given in the statement.

Statement

Details regarding number of women benefitted under the women specific shcemes during the last three years

(A) Working Women's Hostels

No. of Women Beneficiaries in cumulative

Sl. No	Name of the State/UT	1999-2000 (as on 4.2.2000)	2000-2001 (as on 22.2.2001)	2001-2002 (as on 18.2.2002)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2716	2816	3017
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	341	341	441
3.	Assam	657	837	837
4.	Bihar	482	482	482
5.	Goa	120	120	120
6.	Gujarat	1268	1868	1868
7.	Haryana	1373	1453	1453

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.